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**COCA Updates** are disseminated biweekly. More frequent distributions may occur when there is emergency information or an event-specific update to share. The next COCA Update is scheduled for **June 30**.

This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **June 2 – June 16**.

For questions about these or other clinical issues, please write to us at [coca@cdc.gov](mailto:coca@cdc.gov).

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## **COCA News and Announcements**

### **Upcoming COCA Calls/Webinars:**

**Healthy Swimming: Prevent and Treat Infections Caused by Brain-Eating Amebas and Chlorine-Tolerant Parasites**

**CE** = Free Continuing Education

**Date:** Thursday, June 19, 2014

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)

**Dial In Number:** 888-233-9077 (U.S. Callers); 773-799-3915 (International Callers)

**Passcode:** 4972213

**Webinar:** <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW2017964&p=4972213&t=c>

Swimming and other water-related activities are popular during the summer. However, *Naegleria fowleri*, known as the brain-eating ameba, may be present in warm freshwater and can result in primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) – a rare disease that is almost always fatal. Additionally, the chlorine-tolerant parasite *Cryptosporidium* is one of the most frequent causes of waterborne disease among humans in the United States. During this COCA call, clinicians will learn about PAM and diarrhea resulting from *Cryptosporidium*, how to prevent these diseases, and what to do if you suspect your patient has one of them.

[http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo\\_061914.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_061914.asp)

### **Recent COCA Calls/Webinars:**

**Interim Clinical Guidance and CDC Updates for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo\\_052814.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_052814.asp)

Archived COCA conference calls are available at [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp).

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp)

## CDC News and Announcements

### **CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 23 – (CDC)**

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

[www.cdc.gov/phlic/sciclips/issues/](http://www.cdc.gov/phlic/sciclips/issues/)

## Public Health Preparedness

### **NEW: CDC Public Health Matters Blog: Goooal! How to Stay Safe When Traveling to the World Cup – June 10 (CDC)**

Before you jump on a plane to enjoy the games (GO USA!), we have a few last-minute tips. These will also be helpful for any international travel you have planned. If you haven't already scheduled a health appointment before you depart on your trip, talk to your doctor or nurse about vaccines and medicines recommended for Brazil. See the Find a Clinic webpage for help in finding a travel medicine clinic near you.

<http://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2014/06/2014worldcup/>

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)**

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

[emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp)

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)**

Find online and in-person training resources at

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp)

## Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

### **Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)**

[emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp)

### **Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)**

[emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp)

## Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

[www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html)

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- [Progress Toward Measles Elimination — Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2008–2012](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Regarding Antimalarial Chemoprophylaxis in U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers — Africa, 2013](#)
- [Announcement: Recommendation Regarding Increasing Vaccination Rates Through Use of Immunization Information Systems — Community Preventive Services Task Force](#)

## Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

### **NEW: Clinicians Resources for Cyclosporiasis – (CDC)**

Healthcare providers should consider *Cyclospora* as a potential cause of prolonged diarrheal illness, particularly in patients with a history of recent travel to tropical or subtropical regions. In the United States, most reported cases have occurred during the months of May through August, peaking in June and July.

For more information, please visit CDC's cyclosporiasis site at [http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/cyclosporiasis/health\\_professionals/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/cyclosporiasis/health_professionals/index.html) or call 404.718.4745 for clinical consults.

**NEW: Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease – June 6 (CDC)**

Hand, foot, and mouth disease is a contagious viral illness. It commonly affects infants and young children. There is no vaccine to prevent the disease. However, you can take simple steps to reduce your risk.

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/handfootmouthdisease/index.html>

## Seasonal Influenza

**Weekly Flu View – June 7 (CDC)**

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

[www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/)

**Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)**

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist health care providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

[www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html](http://www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html)

## Travel Safety

**Current Travel Warnings – June 12 (US Department of State)**

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

[travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html)

## Food, Drug, and Device Safety

**NEW: FDA Investigates Outbreak of Salmonella Newport and Salmonella Hartford Linked to Organic Sprouted Chia Seed Powder – June 6 (FDA)**

Canadian health officials, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), CDC, and state and local officials are investigating an outbreak of Salmonella Newport and Salmonella Hartford illnesses linked to with products containing organic sprouted chia seed powder. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Public Health Agency of Canada are conducting their own investigation following the U.S. investigation and determined the Salmonella Hartford cases were linked to the Salmonella Newport cases.

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm399235.htm>

**MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)**

MedWatch is your FDA gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

[www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm)

**FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)**

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

[www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html](http://www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html)

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CDC offers a variety of free tools and resources to help you enhance your knowledge of emergency preparedness and response:

[CDC Health Partners Outreach Facebook page](#) – real time updates, guidance, and situational awareness for public health partners on Facebook

[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for health care providers

[COCA RSS Feed](#) – subscribe to be notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers

[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication \(CERC\) Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network \(HAN\)](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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